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SUBJECT: EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA CONSULAR CONFERENCE

REF: A) STATE 171759; B) STATE 200246; C) PRETORIA 3644

1. EMBASSY HAS FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS FOR TOPICS TO BE
DISCUSSED AT VICTORIA CONSULAR CONFERENCE:

A. RHODESIAN VISAS: IN VIEW OF POLITICAL DEVELOP-
MENTS IN RHODESIA, USG POLICY ON RHODESIAN VISA APPLI-
CATION IS IN NEED OF REVISION, POSSIBLY ALONG LINES SUG-
GESTED BY EMBASSY PRETORIA AND CONCURRED
IN BY AMBASSADOR LOW (REF C). CONSULAR CONFERENCE WOULD
APPEAR TO BE APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON
THIS SUBJECT BETWEEN WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS AND OFFICERS
IN FIELD WHO MUST ADMINISTER POLICY. IN PARTICULAR, IT
WOULD BE USEFUL IF WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS COULD DISCUSS
DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO PROPOSAL.

B. FSL TRAINING IN US: PROGRAM FOR INITIAL GROUP
OF TRAINEES APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL, AND
WE BELIEVE PROGRAM COULD ALSO BE VERY USEFUL FOR
FSLs FROM AFRICAN POSTS. WORKSHOP ON FSL TRAINING
MIGHT INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF CRITERIA USED IN SELECT-
ING FSLs FOR TRAINING IN US AND HOW POSTS CAN NONI-
NATE PARTICULARLY DESERVING FSLs.

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C. EQUIPMENT REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE: WORK-
SHOP FEATURING DEMONSTRATION OF AND TRAINING IN SIMPLE
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PROCEDURES FOR CONSULAR EQUIP-
MENT. MANY AF CONSULAR OFFICES ARE ONE-PERSON OPERA-
TIONS WITH FEW BACKUP MACHINES. SUCH PRACTICAL
TRAINING SHOULD HELP AVOID BREAK-DOWNS AND REDUCE
DOWN TIME WHEN THEY OCCUR.

2. DUE TO HEAVY OFFICER TURNOVER IN RECENT WEEKS, WE
ARE STILL CONSIDERING WHICH OFFICER SHOULD ATTEND CON-
FERENCE. WE WILL NOTIFY DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY VICTORIA
RE NAME OF PARTICIPANT WEEK OF AUGUST 21.
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